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TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, CHENNAI.

Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation) Regulations, 2010

(Notification No. TNERC/RPO/19 – 5 dated 24th July 2020)

(Lr.No. TNERC/Legal/2050/2020, dated: 28th July 2020)

No. VI(2)/35/2020.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 61(h),66 and 86(1)(e) read with section 181 of the Electricity Act,2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following amendment to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation) Regulations,2010, the draft of the same having been previously published as required by sub-section (3) of Section 181 of the said Act.

AMENDMENT

In the said regulations, in regulation 3, in sub-regulation (1A),

(a) in the Table after Sl.No.3, in column (1) and the entries relating thereto in columns (2) to (4), the following shall respectively be inserted, namely :-

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4.	2018-19	14.00%	5.00%
5.	2019-20	14.00%	5.00%
6.	2020-21	18.25%	8.00%
7.	2021-22	21.00%	10.50%

”

(b) the existing 'Explanation' under the Table shall be renumbered as Explanation (1), and after Explanation (1) , as so renumbered, the following Explanation shall be added , namely:-

“(2) The applicability of the Renewable Purchase Obligations specified in sub-regulation (1A) to the Obligated entities other than the Distribution Licensees shall be subject to the outcome of the writ petitions pending before the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.”

(By order of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission)

Chennai-600 008,
27th July 2020.

S.CHINNARAJALU,
Secretary
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Commission has been mandated to fix Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation (RPO) under Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act,2003. Accordingly, the Commission has notified the RPO until FY 2017-18 in its RPO Regulations. Distribution Licensee, Open Access Consumers and Captive Consumers are the obligated entities under the above Regulation. The RPO fixed by the Commission for FY 2017-18 continues to be applicable for further period until any revision is effected by the Commission as per the Commission's RPO Regulations.

The Ministry of Power in consultation of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has in the order dt.14-6-2018 notified a long term growth trajectory of Renewable Energy Purchase Obligations (RPO) for Solar and Non Solar for consideration of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions to notify RPO in their respective States. In consideration to

the order of Ministry of Power and in aiding acceleration of growth of clean energy sources, the RPO growth trajectory for the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 is proposed to be specified under the RPO Regulations. The RPO target specified will be applicable to the Distribution licensee only at present and however the enforcement of RPO as per the percentage specified in the Regulations to the other obligated entities will be subject to the outcome of the writ petitions pending before the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.

(By the order of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission)

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STATEMENT SHOWING EXISTING PROVISION AND PROVISION AS AMENDED

Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation) Regulations, 2010

Existing provision (1)				Provision as amended (2)			
3. Renewable Purchase Obligation.- (1) Every obligated entity shall purchase not less than defined minimum percentage of its consumption of energy from renewable energy sources under the Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) during a year as specified below: XXX (1A) The following percentage of Renewable Purchase Obligation is fixed:				3. Renewable Purchase Obligation.- (1) Every obligated entity shall purchase not less than defined minimum percentage of its consumption of energy from renewable energy sources under the Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) during a year as specified below: XXX XXX			
Sl. No.	Year	Minimum Quantum of total renewable purchase obligation in percentage (in terms of energy in kWh)	Minimum quantum of solar renewable purchase obligation in percentage out of the total renewable purchase obligation mentioned in column (3) (in terms of energy in kWh)	Sl. No.	Year	Minimum Quantum of total renewable purchase obligation in percentage (in terms of energy in kWh)	Minimum quantum of solar renewable purchase obligation in percentage out of the total renewable purchase obligation mentioned in column (3) (in terms of energy in kWh)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	2015-16	9.50%	0.50%	1	2015-16	9.50%	0.50%
2	2016-17	11.50%	2.50%	2	2016-17	11.50%	2.50%
3	2017-18	14.00%	5.00%	3	2017-18	14.00%	5.00%
				4.	2018-19	14.00%	5.00%
				5.	2019-20	14.00%	5.00%
				6.	2020-21	18.25%	8.00%
				7.	2021-22	21.00%	10.50%
Explanation: The Renewable Purchase Obligations specified for the year 2011-12 in sub-regulation (1) shall be applicable for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the Distribution Licensee.				Explanation:(1) The Renewable Purchase Obligations specified for the year 2011-12 in sub-regulation (1) shall be applicable for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the Distribution Licensee.			

<i>Existing provision</i> (1)	<i>Provision as amended</i> (2)
	(2) <i>The applicability of the Renewable Purchase Obligations specified in sub-regulation (1A) to the Obligated entities other than the Distribution Licensees shall be subject to the outcome of the writ petitions pending before the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.</i>
(2) xxx	(2) <i>No change</i>
(3) xxx	(3) <i>No change</i>

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